

Building Positive Relationships

Sharon Elementary School is Making it Happen!



WE ARE

Sharon Elementary School, part of the Warrick County School Corporation, is a Title I school celebrating its 35th year of providing a quality education to the students of Newburgh's southeast side. Sharon Elementary has been an "A" school for five years in a row and was named a Four Star School in 2013-2014. We have consistently shown achievement and high growth.

Providing a safe and secure learning environment for all students is our number one concern. Many school wide educational programs are very prominent in each school day. DIEBLS/TRC/Mclass testing occurs in kindergarten through second grade and ACUITY testing occurs in grades three through five. Rocket Math, Burst, Accelerated Reading, STAR Reading, STAR Math, Odyssey, and Character Counts! Frameworks are school-wide programs. Students displaying exceptional character are recognized weekly over the announcements and through our school-wide newsletter.

OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Sharon Elementary serves about 240 Free and Reduced Lunch Students (about 40%). Sharon Elementary services about 18.1% of the school population with special education services and about 2% of the school population with ESL services. The school services a full-day kindergarten program through fifth grades. Our enrollment is 710 students.



OUR PROMISING PRACTICE

"The Crusader Way" focuses on building positive relationships and leadership teams with our students, staff, parents, and community. The positive relationships and leadership teams affect the culture of our school, our attendance rate, our test scores, Rtl referrals, discipline referrals, and our enrollment. Since the implementation of "Crusader Way" our attendance rates have increased, our test scores have increased, our suspension rates have decreased, despite our rising free and reduced lunch and special education numbers.

In 2006-2007, prior to the implementation of "The Crusader Way" practices, our overall ISTEP scores (both Ma/ELA) were 70%, our free and reduced lunch percentages were at 25%, special education percentage was 16.9%, and our attendance rate was at 96%. In 2013-2014, after the implementation of "The Crusader Way" practices and continuous monitoring of our processes and data, our overall ISTEP scores (both Ma/ELA) were 90%, our free and reduced lunch percentages were at 39.4%, special education percentage was 18.1%, ESL was 2.0%, and our attendance rate was at 96.8%.

OUR STEPS

"The Crusader Way" is a multi-faceted, multi-tiered approach to improving relationships of all stake holders. Surveys were sent out to all staff members, parents, and students. Our school leadership team disaggregated the data to find that school culture/climate/positive relationships were areas of concern. The leadership team held meetings and discussed strategies to improve this area. Event implementation committees were created, the leadership team monitored the progress, and yearly surveys were sent out to continue to gain information/data on our process.

OUR SOURCES

Listed below are some activities that were implemented to bridge the gap and help build positive relationships:

- Home Visits
- Back to School Picnic
- Caught Being Good Slips, Post Cards Sent Home, etc/
- Friends Helping Friends
- College Visits
- Bingo for Books
- Family Literacy/Math Nights
- March Madness
- Crusader Quest
- Buddy Benches on Playground
- McTeacher Night
- Random/Positive School Celebrations
- Leadership Teams

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